

Application No. 10/613,556
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 12 so as to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby the service vehicle comprises a seat-side block that is provided adjacent to a seat on the upper swing body and includes a hydraulic tank which contains hydraulic fluid for driving the work implement; and whereby the downsizing device for reducing the size of the seat-side block comprises a bubble remover provided in the hydraulic tank for removing bubbles in the hydraulic fluid.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claim 9 be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 9, 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of USP 5,975,833 ("Yamada et al") and USP 4,039,305 ("Livesay"). This rejection, however, is respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.